



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
www.rochesterlionsclub.org

February 2013

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility



President Message !

January started off quiet and is going out with a BANG! Fire and Ice with all of its activities drew a record crowd – at least to our warming tent. According to Dave McKenzie, we brought in over \$4000, went through 2000 s'mores, 600 bags of marshmallows (4 in each) and 96 gallons of hot chocolate. We ran out of s'mores, marshmallows and hot chocolate countless times and the lines were out the door. Every time we had to announce we were out of s'mores, there was a collective groan and we were hoping not to have a mutiny! Overall, it was a rousing success.

Thank you to Dave McKenzie for organizing our participation. I'll bet he, Celia, Mom Gail Kemler as well as Bob and Sue Treppa will not want to see another marshmallow for quite some time. They made packages for hours on end. Thanks to our new members Lions Jamie and Tom for helping out with the hot chocolate. And, of course, the numerous volunteers who staffed the tent tended the fire and made up treat bags the day before the event. We can't do these events without our loyal volunteers.

February is going to be a quiet month for us. Time to wind down a little and get ready for spring. I know the car show committees are working hard on getting sponsors and making preparations for Memorial Day weekend as well as Rock 'n Rods. We are adding a couple of new things to the shows so stay tuned.

Monday, February 4th is our regular meeting and Date Night. Tom Rowland will be our guest Sommelier and will help us to learn a little about wine. For those who won't be participating in the tasting, the information should be interesting, some extra snacks will be available and we'll have an overall Valentines theme to keep things light and fun.

One more date night is scheduled for April. Gail Kemler and her friend will be providing the program with a theme that is "unmentionable". More details to come and it should be lots of fun.

Lion Glenn will be soliciting volunteers to be on the board and run on next year's slate of officers. If you are interested, please let him know. We will have a slate put together by March and open nominations during one of our March meetings.

Lion Dave McKenzie and I among others will be going to the Michigan Lions Forum in Lansing on Feb. 16th. Looking forward to be bringing back some great information to share that will help make us a better club.

Speaking of making the club better...Here are some things you can do...

INVITE SOMEONE. Rochester Lions is a great club and we need new members. Think about what brought you here, what you like, what has changed. You may get a chance to share this anonymously to help us become better.

TELL PEOPLE ABOUT US AND WHAT WE DO. It's amazing that many people do not know anything about Lions and what they do. Let's get the word out!

Again, as always, thank you all for your hard work and for being part of the greatest service club in the area, the Rochester Lions!

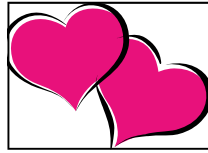
Proud to be your President, Lion Kathy!



Club News

February Theme

Happy Valentine's !!!!



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions were born a few years ago in the Month of February

Sell, Arnold	February 8
Sattelmeier, Glenn	February 10
Gallusser, Carlos	February 14
Maegawa, Mike	February 26

A few Reminders:

Feb 4—Date Night.

Invite a friend to attend a Lions meeting

As you probably know by now, the name of the Mascot of the Fire and Ice Festival 2013 in Rochester Hills is Penguin "Patters".

This was declared by festival-goers votes on Saturday night.

This is the first time the Festival have a Mascot.



Upcoming Meetings

- **February 4** Regular Meeting at River Crest. Date Night. We will also have the visit of Sommelier Tom Rowland.
- **February 11** Board Meeting at River Crest.
- **February 18** Regular Meeting at River Crest. Don't miss the information our President will bring from the Michigan Lions Forum.
- **February 25** Board Meeting at River Crest.
- **March 4** Regular Meeting at River Crest.

Speaker (Jan 7 13)



Brad Irwin of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. He explained what the organization does and how they help. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization and welcomes volunteers from

all faiths who are committed to Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing. This organization tries to create affordable housing for low income families so more of their income can go for food, clothing and the every day necessities of life. Brad gave several examples of how they have helped families be more able to cope with day to day life and family problems. To find out more, donate your time, or make a donation to the organization go to their web site www.habitatoakland.org.

Speaker. (Jan 22 13)



John Zawiskie from the Cranbrook Institute of Science Geologist/Museum Educator. John told how our area was changed years ago by the Ice Age and subsequent warm periods. Our rock formations below the surface give a good indication of what happened

in the past and where the rocks came from. Lots of bones from pre-historic animals have been discovered right in this area from around 10,000 years ago when they become extinct including Giant Beavers, Mammoths, Mastodons to name some of them. John's speech was both entertaining and informative.

Now we know where the name of the Big Beaver street came from. (This rodent was 8 ft Long and weighted 132 to 220 Lbs)



Fire and Ice Festival

The Downtown Rochester Fire and Ice started 6 year ago with the purpose to celebrate Winter. The event was held on Friday Jan 25 (6:00 to 9:00 PM), Saturday 26 (10:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sunday 27 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM).



Here are some pictures of Lion Members that participated during these three days of activities at the Fire and Ice Festival, Selling Marshmallows, hot chocolate, cleaning s'mores, watching the fire, putting the tent and so many other things. Bottom right people having fun cooking marshmallows . Good Job !



Thanks for contributors of Photographs, stories, etc.



Cranbrook Institute of Science

More than 200,000 visitors flock to Cranbrook Institute of Science each year, making it one of the region's best known museum of natural history. Founded in 1904 by Detroit philanthropists George and Ellen Booth, Cranbrook is an Internationally renowned center for art, education and science located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Mission- Cranbrook Institute of Science is a natural history and science museum that fosters in its audiences a passion for understanding the world around them and a lifelong love of learning. Through its broadly based educational programs, its permanent and changing exhibits and its collections and research, the Institute develops a scientifically literate public able to cope with today's knowledge-based society. Moreover, Cranbrook Institute of Science generates the enthusiasm for learning about the natural world that will produce the scientists of tomorrow. Located at 39221 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303.

In our thoughts

Lion Mike Gendich

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lion Lowell Gladd know.

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